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May 31, 2006

David Kaufman
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Robbins Eye Center, P.C.
4695 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606

RE: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 06-30753-DTR
Robbins Eye Center, P.C.
Proposal to Relocate Robbins Eye Center, P.C.

Dear Mr. Kaufman

On the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Robbins Eye Center, P.C. to relocate its ambulatory surgery center from Bridgeport, Connecticut to Trumbull, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$954,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Robbins Eye Center, P.C. ("Petitioner") is a private, for-profit professional corporation that specializes in the practice of ophthalmology.
2. The Petitioner currently has an ambulatory surgery center located at 4695 Main Street in Bridgeport.
3. The Petitioner is proposing to relocate its ambulatory surgery center ("Facility") to 7 Cambridge Drive in Trumbull.
4. The Petitioner stated that there will be no change in the scope of the Facility's configuration or clinical services.
5. The Facility will continue to provide care to the same target patient population in the greater Bridgeport area.

6. The Petitioner is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the C.G.S.

7. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, states, in part:

Subsection (2) "Each health care facility or institution ..., which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service"

8. The estimated total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$954,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal of Robbins Eye Center, P.C. to relocate from Bridgeport to Trumbull represents the introduction of a new service. Therefore, Robbins Eye Center, P.C., a health care facility or institution, is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the termination of the ambulatory surgery center in Bridgeport and the establishment of the ambulatory surgery center in Trumbull, pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on May 19, 2006, as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore, the Petitioner may file a completed CON application with OHCA between July 18, 2006, and September 16, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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